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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 1739

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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND MOVES TOWARD JOINT POLICY OF  
DEFENSE "SELF-SUFFICIENCY" WITH AUSTRALIA

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 1599 (DTG 292226Z APR 77) (NOTAL)  
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1. IN A BRIEFING FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS ON THE RECENT  
CANBERRA COMMUNIQUE ON AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND DEFENSE  
COOPERATION (SEE REFTEL), N.Z. DEFENSE SECRETARY  
JOHN ROBERTSON STRESSED THE "SELF-SUFFICIENCY" ASPECTS  
OF THE STATEMENT. ROBERTSON SEES THE SUM OF  
THE VARIOUS STEPS BEING TAKEN -- THE MARCH MEETING  
OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, THE APRIL  
MINISTERIAL MEETING, THE FORTHCOMING WORK OF THE NEW  
DEFENSE POLICY GROUP, AND ANOTHER MEETING OF THE  
JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER FOLLOWED  
IMMEDIATELY BY A MINISTERIAL MEETING -- AS  
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CULMINATING IN A DEFENSE REVIEW WHITE PAPER AT YEAR'S  
END CALLING FOR A POLICY OF JOINT DEFENSE SELF-  
SUFFICIENCY WITH AUSTRALIA.

2. EMPHASIS ON "SELF-SUFFICIENCY" (PROBABLY MORE  
ACCURAGELY STATED AS "SELF-RELIANCE") IN ROBERTSON  
BRIEFING VARIED CONSIDERABLY FROM ANZUS CONTEXT STRESSED

IN N.Z. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRIEFING ON  
SAME SUBJECT REPORTED IN REFTEL. PROSPECT OF  
INCREASINGLY SELF-RELIANT ALLIES IN SOUTH WEST  
PACIFIC REGION DOES NOT TROUBLE US. EMBASSY SEES  
IT AS ENHANCING REGIONAL STABILITY AND UNLIKELY  
TO CONFLICT WITH U.S. INTERESTS.

3. FULL REPORT OF ROBERTSON BRIEFING AND RELATED  
DOCUMENTS FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.  
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